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Enroute To Greece

The many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Compton will be interested to learn that they are now enroute to Greece aboard the S. S. Gripsholm where upon arrival they will go to Thessalonica where Mr. Compton will resume his work as dean of Anatolia College, under the American Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Compton and his wife and family came out of Greece at the time of the German occupation and located here, teaching at Mount Hermon until called by the government to serve with the UNRRA in its work in Greece. Recently released by the organization, the way was opened for him to return to his previous endeavor. Their son, William, is studying at Oberlin College and their daughter, Esther, is at the Northfield School for Girls.

Mrs. George M. Ball of Winchester Road recently returned from spending several weeks in New York city.

Hubert Eastman has been in New Jersey recently spending a short time on business matters.

Organ For Church

The congregation of St. Patrick's church here will soon install a new organ for use in its services and it is now being built at the Estey Organ company works in Brattleboro. The new organ will take the place of the old organ which was provided by gift from Dwight L. Moody over 50 years ago. Representing the church a committee consisting of Lawrence Quinlan and Harry L. Gingress has been named to secure subscriptions to the organ fund and a goodly amount has already been secured from members and friends. Residents of Northfield are invited to contribute and help in the project and gifts may be sent to either member of the committee. The old organ will probably be cared for because of its historical value.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Laestadius of Jamaica, N. Y., on Monday, December 24th. He has been named John Eric, Jr., and with his mother is expected to spend the coming summer at the Voris home in Mountain Park.

Work is proceeding rapidly in the large house on Main Street at the corner of Pine Street, recently purchased at auction by Mr. Van Valkenberg, which will convert it into tenements.

Local Health Council

Mrs. George W. Carr will again direct the activities of the local Health Council during the coming year, having been elected its chairman at the annual meeting held Monday afternoon, January 14. Other officers chosen were Mrs. William E. Park, vice-chairman, and Miss Mary Dalton, secretary-treasurer. The council renders valuable assistance in the work of Miss Natalie Gowan, the district nurse, and maintains sufficient supplies for use by the sick and afflicted. This year the Council will specialize in maintaining its dental work and clinics.

Sgt. Stanley E. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, arrived at Hamilton field in California Sunday morning, Jan. 13, from an overseas service of 24 months, serving with the 43rd infantry in the Luzon campaign and other locations in the Pacific.

The Friendly class of the Congregational church met Monday evening, Jan. 21, with Mrs. Roy Barrows, the president, presiding at the home of Mrs. Florence Phelps on Main St.

Harold Briesmatster has received his discharge from the army after serving in New Guinea and the Philippines and is at his home at the Valley Vista Inn.

Gordon Moody Director

At the annual meeting of Franklin County Chapter of the American Red Cross held Thursday morning, January 17, at the Court House in Greenfield, Dr. Frank L. Boyden was unanimously elected the Chairman. The organization is returning to a peace time basis and its control is vested in a board of Directors and Executive committee. A. Gordon Moody was chosen as a director from Northfield and named to the executive committee. He succeeds William F. Hoehn, who had resigned but who is continued as an honorary director. Mr. Moody is well qualified for the task which lies ahead. There will probably follow a change in the membership of the local Disaster committee to be announced later and George W. Carr will be selected to head again the Red Cross drive in March.

Fine Dog Is Lost

A beautiful fine dog has been missing since the first of the year and was known and admired by many as he visited the Postoffice frequently. He was a black Spitz with brown markings about the head and was the property of Mrs. Amman. Last year he was at the home of Mrs. C. C. Compton, who were devoted to him. When Mrs. Amman rented a home on Pine Street the dog was returned to her but about January first was cared for by friends while she was absent from town. The dog wandered off and a search was made for him without avail. The dog wore a collar and tag and anyone knowing his whereabouts should immediately call on the phone 835. The dogs sight was not perfect.

Town Topics

Capt. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Eastman of Washington were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eastman this week. The Captain has been recently discharged from the medical corps of the army. He is a graduate of Mount Hermon School and well known here.

William A. Wright of Lake Worth, Florida, former R. F. D. carrier of this town celebrated his 80th birthday at his home there recently. A large group of friends tendred him a dinner and extended greetings.

Mrs. Addie LaPlante of South Vernon will spend a short time visiting relatives in Amherst and her son in Springfield.

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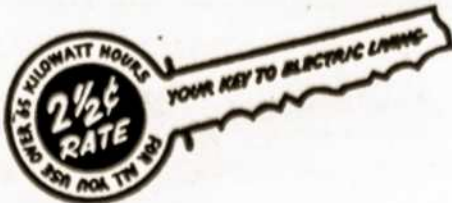
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Sgt. Donald C. Smith, son of Mrs. Maybelle Smith of South Vernon, has received his discharge from the army. He entered the service in March, 1942, and served in France and Germany as a radio operator. His wife is the former Leona Wilder.

Rev. and Mrs. Gifford H. Towle, who are foreign missionaries of the local Congregational church, are enjoying a furlough at Ithaca, N. Y., where Mr. Towle is serving a church. With their three girls they are expected to visit here in the spring.

The county commissioners will refund to the town the sum of \$386.64 as the proportional share of the dog tax for the past year. The tax collected here was \$513.40. Dog damage in the county was about 25 per cent.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed entertained a number of friends Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12, with a pink and blue shower tendered to Mrs. Albert Anderson of Warwick Ave. There were eighteen present and tea was served. Mrs. Anderson received many gifts.

The Massachusetts Republican Club held its annual get-together annual at the Copley-Plaza hotel in Boston Tuesday evening, January 22, and although a special train ran from Western Massachusetts, there was no one from Northfield aboard.

Town Topics

There will be a public supper in the vestry of the Congregational church Thursday evening, February 7, to aid the Barber district transportation fund.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McNeil of Maple Street have gone to Florida where they will spend the remainder of the winter season.

The new electronic organ recently given to the South Vernon church by Ernest W. Dunklee has been dedicated and is now used regularly at all the services. It is highly appreciated.

Mrs. George Pfefferle, local chairman of the Christmas seal sale here, has reported receipts of \$345. This is more than was received last year. Anyone having unsold stamps should return them immediately.

Miss A. L. Richardson and Miss Edith Babbitt, summer residents of the Ridge, are spending the winter at Bronsons Inn.

Members of the local Grange neighborhood with the Shelburne Grange Wednesday evening, the 16th, and gave a program in charge of Miss Isabel Carter. All report a most enjoyable evening.

Ice of very good quality, about 18 inches in thickness, is being cut on the school pond on the campus of Mount Hermon and brought to the storage of the schools off Winchester Road.

Little Ronnie Quinlan, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Quinlan, has been returned to his home after being treated at the Brattleboro hospital for a heart infection. He is making a good recovery.

Town Topics

The "March of Dimes" in the infantile paralysis campaign is under way and an opportunity to share in the humanitarian service will be given here by the placing of receptacles in public places.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris, who recently sold their store in South Vernon and went to Florida, are now located at 320 13th Ave., No., in St. Petersburg. Their daughter, Barbara, is employed by the newspaper there as a typist. They speak of the acute housing shortage there.

Miss Shirley M. Severance of this town has been certified by the Civil Service commission as a junior clerk typist to the office of the state public health commissioner.

The marriage of Miss Jean Hosmer and Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr., both of Maple Street, this town, has been announced.

Lieut. Calvin Field is now a navigation instructor at Floyd Bennett field and with his family are residing in New York city.

Bernard A. Barnes, S2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes of West Northfield, has been discharged from his service in the Navy.

Sgt. Leslie Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibson of West Northfield, has arrived in California from Tokyo on his way home.

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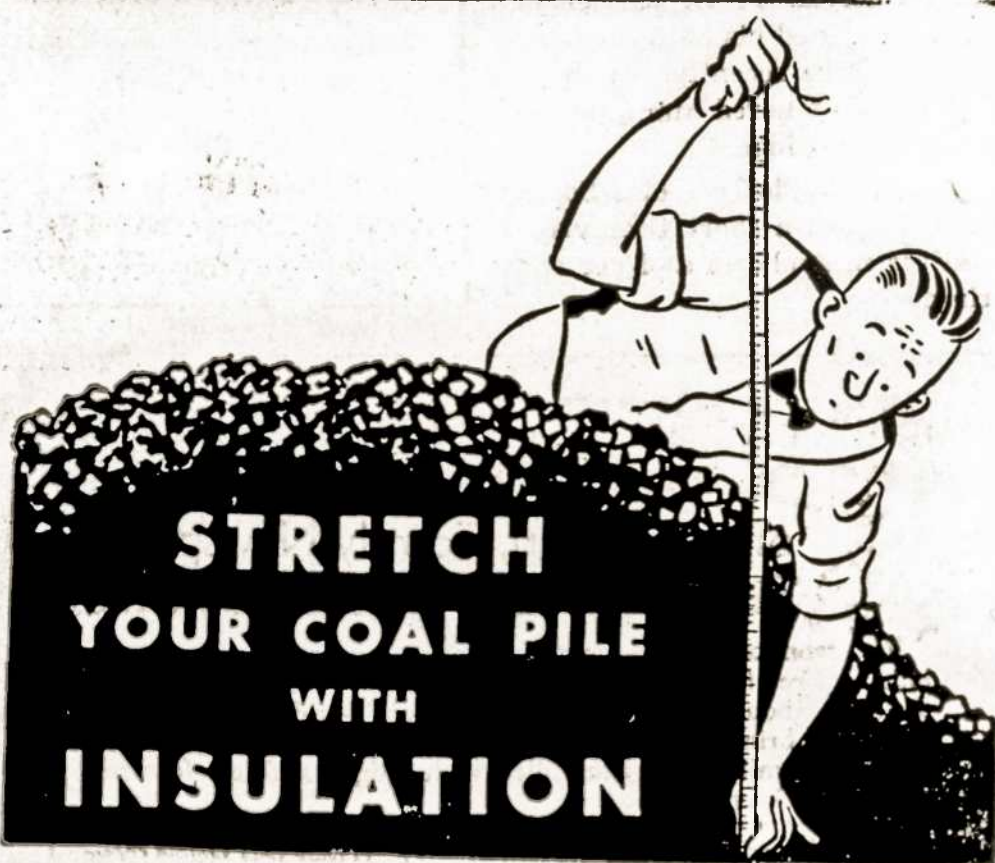
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